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I. Khrushchev named First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party--a job Stalin held before him.

A. Is ranked third after Malenkov-Molotov in Presidium (Politburo) listings.

B. Khrushchev likely to use his influence in implementing the new agricultural decree of 7 September designed to gain support of Soviet peasants for the new regime.

1. The decree has far reaching implications and will mean a considerable improvement in the life of the peasants; calls for considerable increases in production of foodstuffs and live-

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II. Khrushchev has background in agricultural affairs.

A. Had been First Secretary of the Ukrainian Communist Party and responsible for agricultural matters in that important farming area 1938 to late 1949.

B. In 1941 had proposed and actually put into practice in the Moscow area (where he was First Secretary of the region's party apparatus) policy of amalgamating collective farms into farm cities (agrorods). This was called off (would have meant mass resettlement of peasants) and Khrushchev had less to say in public on agriculture until he made the report to the Central Committee on agricultural shortcomings on 3 September which led to the new agricultural

decree

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III. Khrushchev generally described as a colorless careerist and probably owes his long tenure (since) on the Secretariat of the Central Committee to his colorless neutrality.

A. Tito has rated him as an able and efficient bureaucrat--is acknowledged to be a good organizer.

B. May have ties with Soviet Army--was Political Commissar on Ukraine Fronts during World War II.

C. Malenkov rumored to be married to his daughter--"beautiful Elena Khrushchev."

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